

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Thomas Thoröe Scherb, et al.) Group: 1731
Serial No.: 10/768,423)
Filed: January 30, 2004)
Title: PAPER MACHINE DEWATERING SYSTEM) Examiner: José A. Fortuna

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated December 29, 2006,
Applicants hereby elect the invention recited in Group I, claims 1-19 and 45-63, directed to a method
of dewatering, in the above-identified application.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional
extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally
petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR
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Should any questions concerning the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (260) 897-3400.

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